





**Bournemouth
University**

UK/EU Undergraduate Funding Guide 2007/08

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There is a range of financial assistance available to help you as you prepare for starting at Bournemouth University.

This information aims to provide you with some guidance of tuition fees and funding arrangements that are available. For the most up to date information, please visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/moneymatters

The information and figures given in this guide are correct at time of publication. Please note, fees for 2007/08 may increase but any rise is expected to be in line with inflation. Fees will be on our website as soon as they are available.

Tuition Fees

Studying at Bournemouth University on a full-time course

The annual tuition fee for students starting in 2006/07 on all full-time Bournemouth University campus-based undergraduate course was £3,000. For 2007/08 students any rise in tuition fees is expected to be in line with inflation and will be published on our website as soon as they are available.

Studying at Partner Colleges in the South West

Students undertaking a BU Foundation degree at one of the following Partner Colleges (the Bournemouth and Poole College, Kingston Maurward College, Salisbury College, University Centre Yeovil, Weymouth College) also paid £3,000 in 2006/07. The fee at Bridgwater College (incorporating Cannington Centre for Land Based Studies) was £2,000.

Loans

For full-time undergraduate students from the UK there are two different types of loan available. These are the Tuition Fee Loan and the Student Maintenance Loan (to help with living costs).

Full time undergraduate students from other countries in the EU are eligible to apply for the Tuition Fee Loan.

Tuition Fee Loan

At the start of each academic year, **full-time UK/EU undergraduate students may take out a loan to contribute towards their annual tuition fee.**

UK residents should apply via their Local Education Authority (LEA) but students who have EU residence should apply to the EU Customer Services team at the DfES on +44 141 243 3570 or visit www.direct.gov.uk

Please note – Means testing relates to your family total household income. A student from a household income of less than £17,500 per year or less receives a full award. A student from a household income between £17,501 and £37,425 receives a partial award, and a student from a household income over £37,425 receives no award. These figures are based on 2006/07 thresholds and may change slightly for 2007/08 applicants.

The Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the University by the Student Loans Company. **Repayments are due once you have graduated from your course and are earning over £15,000 per year.** You repay the loan at 9% of your earnings above £15,000. For example, at current interest rates someone earning £18,000 per year would have to pay £5.19 a week.

Repayment thresholds vary outside the UK and will depend on where you settle after graduation.

Student Maintenance Loan

This loan is to **help you with your living costs whilst at University.** All students who have been resident in the UK for 3 years are entitled to receive 75% of the total Student Maintenance Loan, the final 25% is based on your household income (means tested). **The maximum amount available for 2006 was £4,600 for Bournemouth University students.** Please contact your LEA to find out your exact entitlement for the Maintenance Loan.

The Student Loan Company usually pays your loan in three instalments (termly) directly into your bank or building society account.

Like the Tuition Fee Loan, **you only have to start to repay this loan after you graduate from University and are earning over £15,000 per year.**

EU (non-UK) students are not eligible for this loan.

Case Study: Emma

Studying BA (Hons) Marketing at Bournemouth University. Her household family income is £25,000. Therefore Emma would qualify for LEA support of a Maintenance Loan, Tuition Fee Loan and a non-repayable Maintenance Grant of £1,450. As a result, Emma qualifies for a non-repayable BU Bursary of £537.

Household income: **£25,000**

Site of study: **Bournemouth University**

Non-repayable award from BU: **£537**

Grants

Maintenance Grant

This is a **non-repayable award of up to £2,765** per year for UK undergraduate students from a low income background.

The amount you receive depends on your income or that of your household. For students whose family income is below £17,500, the maximum grant of £2,765 is awarded. A partial grant is available for those students with a household income between £17,501 and £37,425. Students from a household with an income over £37,425 will not qualify for a Maintenance Grant. Please note that these income thresholds are for 2006/07 and may change for 2007/08.

Students will be assessed automatically for the new grant, at the same time that they apply to their LEA for their Tuition Fee Loan and Student Maintenance Loan.

EU (non-UK) students are not eligible for this grant.

Bursaries

Every EU/UK undergraduate full-time Bournemouth University student who meets the income criteria will receive a non-repayable cash bursary.

BU Bursaries

These are non-repayable awards with a value up to £1,000 a year, which is based on your household income. The value awarded is based on the assessment made by your LEA for your Maintenance Grant or on a similar financial assessment for EU (non-UK) students.

Minimum Standard Bursary

If you receive a full Maintenance Grant of £2,765 from your LEA you will also automatically receive a non-repayable Minimum Standard Bursary of £300. Students studying Foundation degrees at BU Partner Colleges charging the full £3,000 tuition fee will also qualify for this bursary (apart from those paying £2,000 at Bridgwater College).

Therefore should you receive a full Maintenance Grant from your LEA of £2,765, a full bursary will be offered at £1,300 (i.e. £1,000 plus £300). If a lower grant is awarded, a lower bursary will be offered.

Partner College Bursaries

Students enrolling at Bournemouth University Partner Colleges will automatically receive a **non-repayable bursary of £500** (However, this support does not apply to Bridgwater College).

You do not have to formally apply for any of the bursaries listed above. These bursaries are automatically given on the basis of your LEA Maintenance Grant application or your DfES application if you are an EU student. Bursary payments are staggered throughout the academic year.

EU Student Bursaries

EU students may be considered for the £1,000 BU Bursary and if appropriate the £500 non-means tested Partner College Bursary. They do not qualify for the £300 Minimum Standard Bursary.

Case Study: Simon

Studying a Landscape and Garden Design Certificate in Higher Education at Bridgwater College (a BU Partner College). His household income is £17,500. He would qualify for LEA support of a Maintenance Loan, Tuition Fee Loan and a non-repayable Maintenance Grant of £2,765.

Simon would therefore qualify for a BU Bursary of £1,000. However to reflect the lower tuition fee at Bridgwater College, he would not be entitled to a Minimum Standard Bursary of £300 or a non-repayable BU Partner College Student Bursary of £500.

Household income: £17,500

Site of study: Bridgwater College

Non-repayable award from BU: £1,000

Social Work Bursary (GSCC Funded)

Everyone undertaking an initial qualification in social work (e.g BA (Hons) Social Work) will be entitled to a non-means tested General Social Care Council (GSCC) bursary, subject to a few criteria, for example, UK residence. Students who qualify would receive, on average, £4,000 per annum. For more information visit www.gscoc.org.uk and search for Funding and Bursaries or call +44 (0) 1202 967358.

NHS Funded Courses

Diploma students can apply for NHS tuition fee assistance and a NHS non-means tested bursary.

Undergraduate degree students can apply for tuition fee assistance from the NHS bursary office. They can also apply for a reduced non-means tested Maintenance Loan from their LEA and also a means tested NHS Bursary.

All undergraduate and diploma students may also apply for a BU Scholarship.

For information please call +44 (0) 1202 967358. Alternatively, you can visit the following website for further details www.nhsstudentgrants.co.uk

Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available to UK/EU undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Academic scholarships of £1,000 per annum are automatically awarded to undergraduate students who have obtained three A grades at A-level or an average of three distinctions at BTEC or an equivalent overseas qualification. Those studying Foundation degrees will also automatically be awarded £1,000 per annum if they have one A grade at A-level or the equivalent BTEC award or overseas qualification. Postgraduate students will be eligible provided they have a first class honours degree.

Other scholarships will be awarded according to evidence of musical, sporting and community/citizenship achievement. This can be money, services or materials to a value of £1,000 per annum to assist you during your studies. Priority will be given to those who apply prior to March, however, applications after March will be considered on a first come first served basis.

For an application form and more information including validation criteria please visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/financialhelp

Case Study: Nadia

Studying BA (Hons) Business Studies at Bournemouth University
Her household income is less than £17,500.

Nadia is an EU student. She would qualify for a Tuition Fee Loan and the maximum non-repayable BU Bursary of £1,000. However, EU students do not qualify for the additional Minimum Standard Bursary of £300.

Household income: **Less than £17,500**

Site of study: **Bournemouth University**

Non-repayable award from BU; **£1,000**

Case Study: Lucy

Studying Foundation Degree in Forensic Science at Weymouth College
(a BU Partner College).

Her household income is over £37,900. She would qualify for LEA support of a Maintenance Loan and a Tuition Fee Loan but not a Maintenance Grant. Lucy would automatically qualify for a non-means tested and non-repayable BU Partner College Bursary of £500.

Household income: **£37,900+**

Site of study: **Weymouth College**

Non-repayable award from BU: **£500**

Part-time student funding

(Please note the figures below are a guide based on 2006/07 amounts. The Department for Education & Skills will be publishing figures for 2007/08 in April 2007.)

In 2006/07 a Course Grant of up to £250 was available to help cover expenses such as books and materials. Also a Tuition Fee Grant of up to £1,125 was available based on your household income and the course intensity.

Part-time students studying 50% of a full-time undergraduate course in any one year are eligible. Students with a non-means tested NHS bursary are not eligible, and students who already have a degree cannot normally apply for this support.

The Student Loans company will pay the Tuition Fee Grant direct to the University. The £250 Course Grant will be paid direct to you as a single payment. **You do not have to repay this help.**

You are advised to check the following website for the most up to date information www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport/students/part_time_stude.shtml

Access to Learning Funds

These are non-repayable awards that can provide help if you have financial difficulty during your course. They can be used to help with childcare, travel, accommodation, books, equipment and general expenses.

UK undergraduate students must have applied for their full student tuition and maintenance loans before eligibility for Access to Learning Funds will be considered.

UK postgraduate students are expected to have already met the bulk of their funding needs, such as fees and living costs, before applying to the Access to Learning Fund.

EU (non-UK) students are not eligible for these funds.

Nursing students are expected to apply for their full NHS Bursary entitlement before the Access to Learning Fund to be considered. Additional funds may also be available from the NHS Hardship Fund for students in receipt of NHS Bursaries.

Part-time students are expected to apply for their full grant entitlement before the Access to Learning application can be considered. Also, if you are having difficulty in paying your tuition fees the Access to Learning fund may be able to assist.

We will normally try to make an award for the whole academic year, to be paid termly. However, if your financial circumstances change, you may apply each term. You do not have to repay this help. **If your application is successful, the minimum amount for 2006/07 was £100 and the maximum was £3,500.**

For Access to Learning Fund application forms, please contact the Student Financial Support Adviser in Talbot House on +44 (0) 1202 965596 or email sfs@bournemouth.ac.uk

Case Study: Peter

Studying BSc (Hons) Applied Biology at Bournemouth University
His household family income is £17,500.

This means he would qualify for LEA support of a Maintenance Loan, Tuition Fee Loan and a non-repayable Maintenance Grant of £2,765. Therefore, Peter would automatically qualify for a BU Bursary of £1,000 in addition to the Minimum Standard Bursary of £300.

Household income; £17,500
Site of study: Bournemouth University
Non-repayable award from BU: £1,300

International Students Emergency Fund

A very limited fund is available to help non-UK students in unexpected emergencies. The financial support will be in the form of a loan or a grant depending on individual circumstances and it will not be expected to cover more than a three month period.

Career Development Loans

A Career Development Loan (CDL) is a deferred payment, commercial bank loan designed to help individuals to pay for vocational (job related) education or training. They can be a useful source of funding for postgraduate study. To qualify you must be on a programme that lasts no more than two years. You will not be eligible for a CDL if you are already have either a student loan or a non-means tested NHS Bursary.

Detailed information regarding the CDL and how to apply maybe obtained from the DfES website at www.lifelonglearning.co.uk/cdl/index/html

EU (non-UK) students are not eligible for this loan.

Case Study: Ben

Studying Fashion and Textiles HND course at Salisbury College (a BU Partner College).

His total income is £17,500. Ben would qualify for LEA support of a Maintenance Grant, Tuition Fee Loan and non-repayable Maintenance Grant of £2,765. Therefore, Ben qualifies for a BU Bursary of £1,000, a Minimum Standard Bursary of £300 and a non-repayable BU Partner College Student Bursary of £500.

Household income: **£17,500**

Site of study: **Salisbury College**

Non-repayable award from BU: **£1,800**

Find out more

For further details on the financial assistance available to you please visit the Bournemouth University website at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/moneymatters

Additional links

www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport

www.aimhigher.ac.uk/student_finance

www.direct.gov.uk

www.studentssupportdirect.co.uk

You can also contact the Student Advice Centre, run by the Student's Union at Bournemouth University, who provide a confidential advice and information service to all students.

Tel: +44 (0) 1202 965778 or
+44 (0) 1202 965779 or
+44 (0) 1202 965764 or

Email: studentadvice@bournemouth.ac.uk

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